# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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NACO REPORT ON HIV
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether three E.R.S. (Elisa, Rapid and Simpl

(e) or one elisa followed by a western blot test is the criteria for diagnosing a person HIV infected as explained by NACO in its publication Country Scenario, 1998-1999;

(b) if so, whether in presence of conditions like weight loss, diarrhoea, fever, cough, T.B. etc. in cases of adults only two and in cases of children only one elisa test is the criteria for announcing a patients status as AIDS victim; and

(c) if so, the basis of this scientific rational in diagnosing the disease as weight loss, diarrhoea, fever, cough or T.B. as these are very common kind illness in India?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) According to the National HIV testing guidelines, a person is diagnosed as HIV positive if three ERS (either ELISA, Rapid c Simple ) tests are found to be positive.

(b) For the diagnosis of AIDS cases, the following criteria is necessary - HIV antibody test positive by 2 ELISA, Rapid or Simple tests and the presence of any one of the AIDS - defining illness like weight loss of more than one month, fever of more than one moth duration, diarrhea of more than one month, extensive pulmonary Tuberculosis etc.

(c) Based on experience by clinicians all over India, the AIDS case definition for India was decided by inclusion of certain opportunistic infections which are commonly seen in HIV infected person as they progress to AIDS.